

EXHIBIT 9

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MI.NET® M NODE

Mi.Node M Meter Mobile / Fixed Meter Interface Unit

FEATURES

Two Way Communications: The Mueller Mi.Node M meter interface unit provides a direct connection to all Mueller water meters equipped with a Mueller encoder register. The primary function of the Mi.Node transceiver is to provide full, two way communications in either the Mi.Net mobile system or fixed network environment.

System Components: Information retrieved from a water meter is stored temporarily within the Mi.Node meter interface unit's internal memory. As a default, the Mi.Node meter interface unit will transmit hourly meter data at a predetermined time once per day to the Multi Network collector in fixed network mode and bubble up every 6 seconds to be read via a mobile collector. On demand reads to the Mi.Node meter interface unit can be requested at any point in time and are typically delivered within seconds. For fixed network applications, this data is sent to a Multi Network Collector (MNC) via an unlicensed radio frequency and then relayed to the Mi.Net system host server for analysis and storage. In a mobile application, the data is retrieved by a vehicle based Mobile Transceiver and that data is then uploaded to the server back at the office. The Mi.Node meter interface unit utilizes advanced noise filtering technology that allow the Mi.Net system to maximize range while keeping infrastructure to a minimum. Multiple routing options for each Mi.Node meter interface unit ensure that the data will be retrieved by the server.

Construction: The Mi.Node meter interface unit incorporates multiple moisture barriers to eliminate concerns over moisture intrusion even in meter box environments. An o-ring sealed thermoplastic enclosure, coated electronic board and potting compound provide a watertight package that permits Mueller to offer a 20 year warranty on the Mi.Node meter interface unit. A large lithium ion battery provides plenty of power over the life of the transceiver.

Scalable and Upgradable: The various models of Mi.Node meter meter interface unit allow the Mi.Net system to provide robust and efficient AMI, and water conservation solutions for all types of residential and commercial applications.

The Mi.Node meter interface unit's functionality can be upgraded remotely by issuing a broadcast demand. A firmware upgrade made over the Mi.Net system network allows the Mi.Node meter interface unit to be upgraded autonomously. All system Mi.Node transceivers can be scheduled for an upgrade at one time and the system will notify the user when the process is complete.

The Mi.Node meter interface unit seamlessly connects directly to the Mueller Remote Disconnect (RDM) meter for easy but secure actuation of the valve through the user interface and can be actuated in the field or through the AMI network.



MATERIALS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Interfaces with most domestic meter manufacturers standard encoded protocol

Logs and stores 105 days of hourly data meter data in internal memory

Automatically detects encoder meter type connected

No external power supply required for operation

Notifies the system of low battery level for preemptive maintenance

RF antenna contained inside Mi.Node meter interface unit enclosure

FCC compliant

Mi.Node wire lengths To Mueller register 5', 25'

Power Source C Cell Lithium Battery

Transmit Frequency 902 MHz – 928 MHz

Data Integrity Verified with every data message

Temperature Range: -40°F to + 158°F (-40°C to + 70°C)

Humidity: 0% - 100% condensing

Dimensions 6 5/8" high x 2 15/16" wide x 3 3/8" deep

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